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SECNAV INSTRUCTION 5840.6

From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: Customs inspection

Ref: (a) DOD Directive 5030.49 of 23 Sep 1971 (NOTAL)
(b) DOD Regulation 5030.49R of 23 Mar 1972 (NOTAL)

1. Purpose. To assign responsibility within the Department of the Navy for the implementation of the Department of Defense customs inspection procedures (reference (b)).

2. Background

a. In May 1971, the Bureau of Customs announced intensified customs inspections procedures to interdict the flow of hard drugs and other contraband into the United States. Reference (a) sets forth in general terms the responsibilities of the Military Departments and other DOD components for the elimination of the flow of drugs and other contraband through DOD channels.

b. The Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Administration), is the DOD single point of contact in the Office of the Secretary of Defense for exercising staff supervision over all customs inspection matters within the Department of Defense.

c. The Department of the Army is assigned executive agent responsibility for customs inspection activities in the Department of Defense.

d. The Department of the Navy and the Department of the Air Force, together with other DOD components, are responsible for assisting and cooperating with the Department of the Army in the performance of executive agent responsibilities.

e. Reference (b) sets forth responsibilities and detailed procedures within the Department of Defense for the purpose of eliminating the introduction of drugs and other contraband into the United States through DOD channels. In general, responsibilities are assigned to the Unified Commanders in overseas areas and to the Military Departments within the United States (including Alaska). The provisions of reference

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(b) are effective immediately within the Pacific Command and on 1 July 1972 for other areas.


3. Action

a. The Chief of Naval Operations and the Commandant of the Marine Corps are responsible for:

(1) Assisting the Unified Commanders in implementing reference (b), as appropriate.

(2) Implementing applicable provisions of reference (b) within the United States (including Alaska) for forces and at activities under their command.

b. In those cases requiring coordination between Marine Corps and Navy commands, the Chief of Naval Operations will assume coordination responsibility.


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